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TO: ALL MEDICARE- AND MEDICAID-CERTIFIED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

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•RURAL HEALTH CLINICS

•INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION

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Bureau of Facility Standards

SUBJECT: PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE IN A MEDICARE- OR

MEDICAID-CERTIFIED HEALTH CARE FACILITY

Enclosed is your copy of CMS Survey and Certification Group letter to all State Survey Agency Directors regarding the Procedures in the Event of a Fire in a Medicare- or Medicaid-Certified Health Care Facility (S&C-04-23).

This document specifies the roles of CMS central office and regional office, and our office in the event of a fire **resulting in serious injury or death** in a Medicare-/Medicaid-certified facility.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please contact Roger Gehrke at 208/334-6626.

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cc: Idaho Health Care Association

Idaho Hospital Association

Idaho Association of Community Options and Resources